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El Cerrito Involved In Political Dissension

Judge Huber Objects to Trustees' "Star Chamber"

Verbal and written protests against "star chamber" proceedings of the city council of El Cerrito were filed with the board on Monday night by W. F. Huber, El Cerrito attorney. Using as a talking point the proposed street work in the vicinity of the Berkeley Country Club, Huber declared that every action of the council should be discussed in open session. He expressed surprise at the "precipitous action" of the council in agreeing to give the Realty Syndicate Co. road No. 6, for a right of way on Arlington boulevard.

Huber declared that on the previous Monday the councilmen discussed the situation in "the little side room" and then hurried the matter through in open council without discussion. He said that the city gave a better deed than it received, inasmuch as the Arlington boulevard deed specifies that the right of way must be used only for highway purposes and cannot be closed.

Central Hotel Has New Landlord

R. J. Kenefick, prominent hotel man of Pacific Grove, has purchased the business of the Central hotel at 621 Macdonald ave. from Mr. and Mrs. Edward M. Conway and has taken over the active management of the hostelry.

Kenefick, active in hotel work for twenty years, plans to completely renovate the interior of the establishment. All rooms will be papered and a new supply of linen and bedding will be added. Hot and cold water and steam heat will be provided for every room at all times.

There will be a benefit dance given at Richmond clubhouse this evening by Richmond Pyramid of Scots. The proceeds are to go to the Scots band.

Friends of Ed W. Burg of Burg Bros., will be pleased to learn that he is recovering from his illness and will soon be back at his desk.

Born—Dec. 6, to Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Halstead, Albany, a daughter. She has been named Dorothy Jane.

Thomas L. Woodruff will erect a one-story cottage and garage on the north side of Cerrito ave., bet. 35th and 36th sts., at a cost of \$2800.

Ahead of Engagements
Mary, who is the baby sister of girls in college, looks forward with delight to their week-end visits home and devotes herself entirely to them at such times. Recently, her sister noticed that as Mary knelt to say her little prayer she hurried through it, then began again and so on until she had repeated it almost breathlessly four times. Finally she rose and exclaimed: "Now I am prayed up for four nights and we can visit."

First and Last Things
One of the first things a child wants to do is to get its hands on a lead pencil and make some zigzag marks on a sheet of paper, which it happily tells its happy mother is a letter to daddy. About the last thing an old man thinks of doing is to get an old stump of a lead pencil and tremblingly make notes for his lawyer, indicating to whom he wants to will his property.

Attack on the Reformers
Fun is the cheapest flack that has been discovered yet and the easiest to take.—Josh Billings.

Higher Fares and Not So Many Zones Proposed

Hope that the Key system eventually will be permitted to abolish the third fare in the Contra Costa county zone was expressed by Paul St. Sure, attorney for the traction company at the meeting of the Richmond city council on Monday night, following the action of the council in revoking all old street car franchises held by the company. Three new fifty-year franchises covering the Richmond lines were recently granted, but the old franchises are still in effect.

St. Sure in his statement said the Key system opposed the numerous five cent fare zones, and believed that a higher fare and fewer zones would be more satisfactory to all parties concerned.

Boulevard Stops

One hundred and twenty-five boulevard stop stop signs will be installed by the city of Richmond on the main thoroughfares. The city council made the order Monday night.

Kiddies' Night

On Thursday evening, Dec. 22, the Elks lodge of Richmond will hold a "kiddies' night." There will be a large Christmas tree and heaps of fun and goodies galore for the children of the members. The chairman of the committee in charge is Mr. James J. Gilmore. The wives of the members will assist in the making of the evening one long job to be remembered by the little folks of the club.

Shaffer Funeral

Funeral services were held last Wednesday for Theodore Shaffer who died from injuries received Thanksgiving night from a fall. Richmond post of American Legion conducted the services, interment in Sunset.

C. B. Burley, a member of Alpha lodge of Masons and former resident of Richmond, passed away at his home in Berkeley Tuesday.

Appliance Co. Opens Offices

The Automatic Appliance Co. has opened offices on Sixth street. This company specializes in electrically operated appliances that economize on household and home and along labor saving lines.

Jenny Wren Stores Seek Compromise

The Jenny Wren stores, Inc., are seeking a compromise with their creditors before being declared bankrupt. This was announced in a petition filed Tuesday in United States district court by their attorney. It asked for an open hearing with the creditors in an effort to effect a compromise before a referee in bankruptcy.

Judge A. F. St. Sure issued the order and named A. B. Krest referee in bankruptcy to conduct it. The hearing will take preference over a suit in equity filed by attorneys for creditors, asking for permission to sell twelve of the stores in the chain for the benefit of the creditors.

Release the junk in your basement or garage with a classified.

Watch Your Step, Young Fellow



Dolores Costello



This is the latest portrait of charming Dolores Costello, the featured motion picture player in the picture entitled "The College Widow."

Glasses For Mother

In trying to think of an appropriate gift for mother or for some one in the family who may be in need of them, a pair of F. W. Laufer's superb fitting glasses would be fittingly appropriate. In fact, it would be a sure fit for the eyes of the person receiving them as a gift. For Laufer has a state-wide reputation as an optometrist and has an established business of years standing. He has hundreds of personal friends in the eastbay districts who can testify to his qualifications as an optometrist.

Try a pair of Laufer's glasses, and when you are being fitted he will give you that courteous, personal attention and interest which makes lasting customers and friends.

Valuable Fertilizer

"Nitrated peat" is the fertilizer produced by an Italian chemist from explosives containing ammonium nitrate. The explosive is placed in a measure, amount of water, which dissolves the nitrate, and after a short time it is decanted as a saturated solution. This is mixed with peat powder and evaporated. The product contains about 4 per cent of ammonium nitrate, and has been shown to have fertilizing value nearly equal to that of sodium nitrate.

Preceded the Umbrella

Before the umbrella came there was what was known as the quitasol—a parasol of oiled muslin, whose material was imported from India via England. The quitasol was a feminine monopoly. The man wore a "froque-laine" or cape of oiled muslin. The first umbrella was fashioned of this material and had ribs of rattan.

Penneys, the Pioneers Some History

Twenty-five years ago J. C. Penney Company had only a small variety store. Its ideals of helpfulness and service lived only in the efforts of one man and accepted at best but a handful of customers. Today it has soared upward to a giant institution of 933 stores, stretching from coast to coast, close of the 25th or silver anniversary of this great company with sales running approximately \$150,000,000. We are proud of our growth which is due, not to our efforts alone, but to the needs of millions of people for the kind of service we give. Our one aim is, that our 835 stores may play their part in the tomorrow of retailing with the same high ideals that began in a little country store a quarter of a century ago.

Business is increasing west of Seventh and Macdonald, which is an indication of the pendulum swinging back. This is history in the majority of cities—there must be final "equity."

Margaret Garrard of 157 Second street is visiting relatives in Southern California.

Edwards Has Them

When searching the stores for a gift purchase remember there is nothing more appropriate than a diamond for value, for inspirational comfort, for sentiment and love than a beautiful diamond. Edwards, the pioneer jeweler, a store established 50 years ago in Oakland, still conducted by Edwards, has the reliable goods. When you make a purchase at Edwards' jewelry store you can rely on its quality being just as represented. That's the reason Edwards is still in business, because he conducts a square-dealing house, and has the confidence of a legion of oldtime friends in the eastbay cities and central California. Call on him at his fine store at 1224 Broadway, Oakland, and he will show you the gifts of your heart's desire.

Al Burdick, the hardware man at 5th, has applied for a patent to manufacture daylight radium.

Twenty-third and Macdonald is destined to be one of the main business centers.

Criticize yourself today and others tomorrow.

Albany 'Reactionaries' Petition to Annex to Berkeley

Albany, Calif., December 16.—Following the defeat of the \$250,000 school bond issue, which lost out by a few votes, comes the announcement of the "reactionaries" (citizens' committee) that they will petition to have the city of Albany annexed to Berkeley.

The annexation promoter is said to be Thomas E. Marren, who is credited with the statement that 1000 citizens have already signed the annexation petition.

Unlike the bond issue, which required a two-third vote, only a majority vote is required to annex. This will be a difficult proposition as Albany stands emphatically for autonomy, self government, as emphasized in the previous annexation election.

The bond election of last Saturday failed to receive the necessary majority on account of failure to get out the westside vote. The eastside polled their entire voting strength, the 6th and 7th precinct voting solid against the bonds.

The figures show that there were 939 in favor and 701 against the bonds. The bonds were to provide for a \$200,000 high school and a junior high to cost \$50,000.

A classified adv. will sell it.

How Indians Fashioned Implements of Stone

Indians obtained their material for stone implements freshly from the earth when possible. A piece of stone was first split into suitable fragments by holding it edgewise or a hard base and hitting it sharply with a one-sided, twist of another stone, says Pathfinder Magazine. The fragments were trimmed to a leaf shape by striking them smartly with a hammer of horn, bone or tusk. The finished piece was mounted on a high handle. Stones thus prepared were then carried to camp to be flaked at leisure. They were buried in damp soil, not to hide them, as often supposed, but to keep them even tempered. This practice accounts for the caches of crude arrowheads often found. The finishing was done with a chisel-like pressure implement of bone or buckhorn. Frequently the crude arrowhead was folded in a buckskin pad to keep it from breaking and then placed on a stone or notched block of wood with the margin projecting over the edge. By applying strong, abrupt pressure at the proper points with the pressure tool, a skilled artisan detached flakes with considerable ease. In this manner margins were trimmed, stems formed, notches made and points sharpened. Heat and fire played no part in the process.

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License Plates For Year 1928 Now Ready For Car Owners; "Blue and Gold"

Sacramento, Dec. 16.—The annual automobile license renewal season will open tomorrow at all branch offices of the division of motor vehicles and at the branches of the various automobile clubs of the state.

Approximately 1,500,000 pairs of plates will be issued during the renewal period and the division has made plans to issue at least 2,000,000 during the coming year.

The division's main office is located at Sacramento, where all mail applications are sent. There are branches at Los Angeles, Fresno, Oakland and San Diego. Counters will be thrown open at the main office and all branches tomorrow.

Applicants who seek to renew licenses over the counters are required to bring their 1927 certificate of registration and their fee. A pair of new plates—which may be exhibited at any time after they are issued—will be given out with a temporary certificate of registration. The permanent certificate will be mailed to the applicant later.

New passenger car plates will have a blue background, with gold letters and numerals.

The legal period for renewal will expire at midnight, Jan. 31. Motorists who neglect to renew their licenses will not only be subject to arrest, but will be compelled to pay double as a penalty.

The division has opened its counters 15 days earlier in order to give every motorist a chance to get plates without paying a penalty.

The highest numbers, those ranging from 1,900,001 to 2,000,000, will be distributed in San Francisco.

Numbers from 450,000 to 900,000 and from 980,001 to 1,000,000 will be distributed in Sacramento and northern California.

Numbers from 1,000,001 to 1,700,000, will be distributed from the Los Angeles office.

Numbers from 1,701,000 to 1,765,000 will go to San Diego.

Oakland will receive numbers from 1,775,001 to 1,900,000.

The fee for ordinary passenger cars is \$3.

American Telephone System's Success Is Accredited to Continuous and Intelligent Advertising

Nothing has done more to put telephones in practically every American home than advertising.

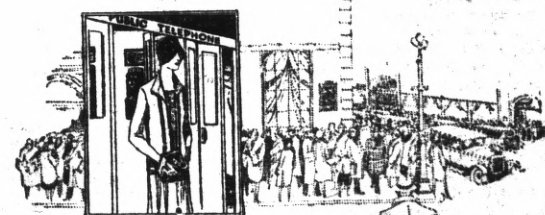
Government owned telephone systems in Europe see no need for advertising. The taxpayer has to cover deficits, and there is no incentive for officials to maintain a growing telephone business and pay dividends to hundreds of thousands of stockholders.

To show why the American system grows it is only necessary to read some of the advertising of local telephone companies. A good illustration in advertising appearing in California newspapers.

One advertisement appealed to the young person at school to ring up the folks at home, and keep up

brought to parents when their young people who have gone out in different walks of life make a little "phone" visit instead of trusting to an occasional letter. Yet another suggested that a young person away from home, when confronted by problems, gets comfort and help by ringing up the home for advice.

All the advertising had the human touch and appealed to every member of every family. The American telephone system grows and gives the best and cheapest service in the world, largely as the result of continuous and intelligent advertising, a large percentage of which is through the newspapers.



**WHEN SHOPPING—
think of telephone convenience.**

At this season, multitudes of minds are centered on a common thought—the spirit of giving. And so, despite the plea of merchants to "shop early", crowds of eager people fill our streets and stores in a hurried, last minute search for gifts.

To avoid the bustling crowds, many clear thinking people turn to the telephone to help them locate just the gift they are looking for; or when time is a factor, to make or rearrange social engagements, to call the folks at home if they are delayed, and for many other uses, both at this season and throughout the year.

Public telephones are located everywhere for your convenience.

Look for the Public Telephone Sign.

THE PACIFIC TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY

FROM NUMBERS, B. C., TO THE U. S. CENSUS

First Counting of Noses Was Done by Moses.

Washington.—All Turkey stayed at home one Friday recently while 50,000 officials took the first census of the Ottoman empire.

"Turkey has made up for tardiness by asking questions far more thorough than appear in the famous first census of history," says a bulletin from the Washington headquarters of the National Geographic society.

"Take ye the sum of all the congregation of the children of Israel, after their families, by the house of their fathers, with the number of their names every male by their polls; from twenty years old and upward, all that are able to go forth to war in Israel."

"Thus spoke the Lord to Moses, and Moses, with Aaron's assistance, collected the figures for the first census report, which may be found in practically every home and hotel room. It is appropriately entitled 'Numbers,' the fourth book of the Bible.

"By its breadth of scope the census William of Normandy ordered for his new kingdom of England, resembles modern surveys. He commanded his minions in 1085 A. D. to record every lord and peasant, every acre, every ox, every mill, every manor, every weir and every plow, the value thereof—and this is forward looking—the natural resources, woods, fields and streams capable of development and revenue. The report to William the Conqueror became the Domesday Book, unreadable today except by scholars, yet protected in the public record office at London as one of the most precious possessions of England.

Russia's First Count in 1927.

"The United States, although a newcomer in the ranks of civilization, was one of the first nations to establish the modern periodic census. Sweden took the lead before our first census in 1790, but England, France and Prussia did not see the necessity of regular counting of noses until ten or twenty years later. Russia took no census until 1927.

"Deeply religious settlers of America nearly upon our first census when they harked back to another less fortunate Bible census. 'Satan stood up against Israel,' our ancestors pointed out to the marshals, 'and provoked David to number Israel from Beersheba even to Dan.' What happened? 'God was displeased; therefore he smote Israel. The Lord sent pestilence upon Israel; and there fell of Israel 70,000 men.'

"The census takers were then in style and had none of the swashbuckling dare of the Russian boots. It is predicted that black and brown shades will be worn by the business girls while the ultra-fashionable women will prefer scarlet boots and three-inch heels or opulent kid boots radiant with every color of the rainbow.

"It was evident at the exhibit that lizard skin will continue to be a popular triumphant for shoes this winter. Port Townsend, Wash.—The birth place of storms south of the Aleutian Islands is hard on barometer reports. Capt. Y. Kawashima of the Yokohama Maru on arrival here. While passing through the storm nursery he noted the lowest barometric reading ever observed on the Pacific, the indicator showing 28.37.

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The vessel experienced no rough weather, but the Japanese navigator believes he just missed a typhoon or monsoon. Most of the severe storms that sweep the Mississippi valley originate in the Aleutian area, where varied currents of ocean water influence the atmospheric conditions.

Clever Chinese

New York.—Clever, the Chinese! A detective arrested a dozen who found them in a room with money on the table. One explained to the judge in excellent English that they were taking up a collection to buy a book on cross-word puzzles. They were freed.

Deer's Appetites Ruin Golf Course Greens

Gilard, Calif.—The Gilard golf club is probably the only golf club in the world that finds it self up against a necessity of hiring a caretaker to shoot wild animals off the greens.

The links border on several dark canyons that run back in to the Santa Monica mountains where bands of wild deer browse. Nobody has shot at these deer in so long that they are more or less tame. At night when the golf players go home to explain to their wives that they have been in their offices all day the deer come out of the canyons, nibble the rich grass and eat up everything else green that is in sight.

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BURY LUNCH FOR PREHISTORIC DOG

Indians' Custom Revealed in Finding of Bones.

Washington.—Discovery of two deer bones painted red is a bit of evidence that Indians who lived in America 2,500 years ago placed food in the graves of pet dogs so that they would have bones for their journey in the next world. The deer bones were found beside the skeletons of a prehistoric dogs by Dr. F. H. H. Roberts, Jr., of the bureau of American ethnology, who has just returned from an archeological expedition to Chaco canyon, N. M.

The dogs appear to have been buried with ceremony by the Indians, said Doctor Roberts in discussing his expedition. Whether the dry bones were painted red to fool the dog spirits into thinking there was good meat on the bones can only be conjectured.

The dogs belonged to Indians of the last days of the basketmaker civilization that flourished in the Southwest many centuries before the Pueblos, he said. Very ancient tribes are known as the basketmakers because they wove all their vessels and containers in the course of centuries pottery-making was learned.

Definite evidence of the Indians who lived at the time when the change from baskets to pottery was made was discovered by Doctor Roberts. Fifteen skeletons were found in two layers of earth. The burials in the lower level had no baskets or containers for food, such as have been found in similar burials. The baskets here had evidently fallen apart and disintegrated from exposure before time covered them with earth. But in the layer of earth above them were bodies accompanied by crude clay jars and bowls.

These skeletons of the transition period are of great interest to ethnologists who are studying the types of Indians who inhabited America in the days before the time of Christ. Complete pieces of four bowls which could be patched together, even after so many centuries, were found by Doctor Roberts, as well as gun titles of fragments of the rough, coarse clay containers made by the first artisans of the region who tried the potter's trade.

High Shoes for London Girls Are Coming Back

London.—High shoes reaching half way up the calf and reminiscent of those ten years ago will be in vogue this year with English girls, judging from the exhibitions at the shoe and boot show.

The models shown were plain in style and had none of the swashbuckling dare of the Russian boots. It is predicted that black and brown shades will be worn by the business girls while the ultra-fashionable women will prefer scarlet boots and three-inch heels or opulent kid boots radiant with every color of the rainbow.

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USED HER BEAUTY TO AID IN BURGLARIES

"Countess" Made German Youths Help in Thefts.

Berlin.—It was immediately after the war, in those hectic days when everything turned upside down in Germany, that the name of Countess Colonna was first heard, and the countess herself was first seen in the circle of young aristocrats who tried to forget the grim realities of life by indulging in wild orgies in the night clubs of Berlin, while in the streets were rattling the machine guns of the revolution, says the St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Nobody knew exactly who she was. No titled family with the name of Colonna lived in Germany, and the only Count Colonna known in Berlin was an elderly man living temporarily in Switzerland. Countess Colonna said she was the daughter of this man and the younger bloods who swarmed around her did not bother to investigate.

She was of matchless beauty, with brilliant blond hair and large, radiant, hypnotic eyes. Her figure was of artistic perfection and her long shapely hands suggested aristocratic lineage. Men who came in contact with her were spellbound by this demonic beauty.

Had Luxurious Apartment.

She had a luxuriously furnished apartment in one of Berlin's fashionable quarters, lived on a grand scale and seemed to be the queen of a gay circle which always formed a body guard around her when she visited the night clubs or cabarets.

There was nothing about Countess Colonna to arouse suspicion of the police regarding her life or her activities.

It was one of the worst periods of lawlessness in the history of the German capital. Robberies, holdups, burglaries, murders were all in the day's work and the police could hardly cope with this sudden crime wave.

One gang particularly caused worry to the Berlin police, a gang of assassins who held criminals who committed an incredible number of holdups and burglaries. The victims of this gang were invariably persons of high social standing, rich men who gambled for big sums in clubs and persons whose apartments were full of treasures.

A special squad of detectives was assigned to the case, and Albert Dettmann, famous leader of the detective force, personally headed the investigation. Every effort, however, had failed, when chance led to the uncovering of an unexpected sensation and the solution.

The night it was a success. In 1919, the same gang which had robbed so many homes and apartments, plundered the house of one of the best-known Berlin art collectors, a man of high social position and a bachelor, who had been seen many times in the company of the "Countess Colonna." His priceless paintings, antique rugs and golden statues were thrown out of the window by the burglars, whose accomplices waited outside in an automobile. They must have made too much noise, for a policeman became suspicious, ran to the house and arrested there just as the burglars jumped into the motor and sped away.

Police Arrest Baron.

One of them, however, was not quick enough. This man was captured and brought before Herr Dettmann, who was amazed to learn that his burglar was a Baron Reichenberg, descendant of a rich and titled family. The young man refused to answer Dettmann's questions and his behavior was such that Dettmann summoned a physician, who established the fact that the young baron was acting under the influence of some irresistible force. All Dettmann was able to squeeze out of him was a telephone number. It proved to be that of the Countess Colonna.

It developed that the victim of the latest robbery was in love with the beautiful Colonna and had an appointment with her on the same night that his apartment was robbed. The countess had promised to visit him and asked him to send away his servant, because she did not wish to be seen by anybody. Later in the evening she called up, saying that she did not feel well, and asked the enamored art collector to call at her home. When he returned he found his apartment robbed. The young baron under arrest finally confessed, and the other members of the band, including Colonna, were captured.

"Countess Colonna," it turned out, was a Berlin girl, the daughter of an architect, whose parents died during the war, leaving the young girl penniless. Her name was Ella Bach. She was beautiful, had a fine voice, and because she had always wanted to go on the stage, she tried her luck with one of the cabarets of the German capital.

While she was not a great success on the stage, her conquests in the field of love were decisive. Men who saw this beauty felt madly in love with her.

Obliging Duplicit in Jail

Oldenburg, Austria.—Erich Tyuka, court translator, is in jail for killing Walter Setz, government official, in a duel. Tyuka explained that Setz, having insulted him, explained that he must fight a duel or he could not take his place again in society. Society made no such demands on Tyuka, but he accommodated Setz. Unhappily, his fire was fatal.

CALIFORNIA NEWS BRIEFS

"If it can be arranged," President Coolidge may be the guest of California on his vacation in 1928. This was unfolded last week through a casual remark by Raymond Benjamin, San Francisco attorney and Republican leader. It was based upon an invitation which the Californian extended to the President at the White House a few days ago to come out here and enjoy fishing in the high Sierra.

The Maddux passenger airplane line announced last week it would have ships daily in operation between San Francisco and Los Angeles, probably with a stop at Santa Barbara, before the first of the year. A Los Angeles-El Paso line is also in contemplation. The planes are now operating between Los Angeles and San Diego. They carry 12 passengers each.

Definite plans of procedure in the proposed survey of the state revenue raising system are to be taken up at a meeting of the state tax commission to be called at Sacramento within the next few days. It was announced last week by Irving Martin of Stockton, commission chairman.

California's 297 State banks and 342 branches, which represent \$3.6 per cent of the institutions doing banking business in the State, had a total of undivided profits of \$33,286,325.93 and \$57,801,950.96 in surpluses on October 10 last. Will C. Wood, State bank superintendent, reports to Governor C. C. Young in his annual report. These totals, with approximately \$26,400,000 in cash and more than \$1,518,019,930 on deposits of private funds, State, city and county money and Federal and postal savings, indicate that the bank department are in a healthy condition. The report indicates that there were 2,196,399 depositors.

The California boxing industry entered the ranks of "big business" in the 12 months just ended, with a total "gate" of approximately \$2,500,000 and 1,695,749 paid admissions. Walter A. Yarwood, secretary to the State Athletic Commission, so announced last week in his annual report to Governor Young, covering the commission's third fiscal year, or the period from December 1, 1926, to November 30, 1927. During the fiscal year, Yarwood reported, 1,135 boxing shows were held and the commission collected as the State's "cut" \$135,888.36.

The State of California, as big brothers to 18,000 crippled children, began functioning last week. The first legislative act, passed by the legislature, was taken under the wing of the State in Bakersfield. The child was little Barbara Spriggs, 7, a victim of infantile paralysis, committed for care by Superior Judge Owen of Kern county. Under the law, if parent or guardian agrees and a diagnosis is made by a competent physician, a superior judge may commit a needy crippled child for care in an adequate hospital. The county is to pay the costs, and if the county fails to do so, the state stands behind the order with a \$25,000 revolving fund that it loans to the county. Dr. Howard Markel, one of the State's leading orthopedists, will care for Barbara.

Presenting what he states is "the most accurate estimate possible," Dr. Charles T. Titus of the political science department of the University of California at Los Angeles, places the population of Los Angeles at 1,170,000 while crediting the entire state with 5,040,000. Doctor Titus figures for Los Angeles differ by 218,062 with the total announced by officials of the Los Angeles City Directory, who number the inhabitants of the city at 1,383,062.

Approximately three hundred units, including ninety huge floral floats and thirty bands, will make up the parade which is to be the chief attraction at the thirty-ninth annual Pasadena Tournament of Roses on January 2nd. In addition to the floats and bands, the parade will comprise an equestrian division, a novelty division and a division devoted to blossom-decked automobiles. All units will be floral in nature. The ninety floats in the parade will represent about forty Pacific Coast cities and communities, including several in Northern California, Oregon and Washington, according to tournament executives. "States and Nations in Flowers" will be the theme of the 1928 tournament. As in the past, every float must be a floral creation, and only fresh, natural flowers may be used. Born in 1889 as a small village fete, the Tournament of Roses long ago ceased to be merely a local event, and is now regarded as belonging to the entire Pacific Coast. It is said to have become one of the best-known annual festivals in the world.

Representatives of the chamber of commerce of sixteen California cities agreed last week upon area of 2,000 square miles and its population of 2,455,000, as the territory of the Los Angeles metropolitan district which would be reorganized by the federal census bureau for the compiling of its 1930 economic survey. The area includes most of Los Angeles county and parts of San Bernardino, Orange and Riverside counties, and comprises a wedgeshaped area roughly eighty miles long and sixty miles wide at the base.

Two Santa Clara county communities have joined the ranks of California cities with standardized traffic codes by adoption of the uniform traffic ordinance. They are Palo Alto and Santa Clara.

Commencing December 1, mail applications for 1928 automobile license plates began to pour in on the State division of motor vehicles at Sacramento. Although mail applications are being received no applications will be received over the counter at Sacramento or at any of the branches in the State until December 15, which is two weeks earlier than formerly. The fee is \$3—the same as last year.

Bond certificates of the Republic of Ireland, valued at approximately \$3,000, are to be sent from California to New York this week. They accrue from the first external loan of the Republic, for which \$25,000 was voluntarily subscribed in this State, and will be devoted to the Father York Memorial High School fund.

Plans for ratification by voters in November, 1928, of a bond issue of \$6,000,000 to acquire additional state park lands were laid last week by the State Parks Council. The State Park Commission, consisting of William E. Colby, San Francisco; President Ray Lyman Wilbur of Stanford University; W. F. Chandler, of Fresno; Henry W. Melvny, Los Angeles, and Frederick R. Burnham, Los Angeles, pledged their aid. They will conduct a survey of the state's parks preliminary to the campaign.

The dome of California's State Capitol soon will be illuminated by a battery of flood lights if plans now being shaped by the department of finance materialize. A. H. Heron, director of the department, said that proposals to replace the 1,200 globe lights having a total of 32,000 watts are under consideration. He said that frequent replacement of the globes under the existing scheme of illumination is necessary, and that these replacements are both expensive, difficult and dangerous to make.

Shell-torn battle flags and other military emblems dear to the hearts of Californians are to have a magical renewal of life through the ministrations of a modern Betsy Ross and a modern wash tub. According to A. H. Heron, director of finance, and Adjutant General R. E. Mittelstaedt, commander of the California National Guard, the rehabilitation work will be carried out until all of the four-teen flag relics of the Spanish-American conflict and sixteen treasured emblems of Civil War days have again become made whole and resplendent.

California motorists paid, through the 3-cent state gasoline tax, \$9,035,934 into the state coffers during the first six months of this year, according to the State Highway Department. The taxes represented the funds collected on the sale of 451,793,681 gallons of gasoline which were sold during the six months period. In both the sale of gasoline and in the gas tax collected, California lead the entire country, the compilation showed. Of the more than \$9,000,000 collected in the state highway system within the state is shown by the survey.

Santa Claus is going to give a million dollars' worth of presents to California war veterans this month. The State of California in this case will be Santa Claus, and approximately 220 former service men will be aided in the purchase of homes and farms, according to George M. Stout, secretary of the State Veterans' Welfare Board. The Christmas month purchases of the board, Stout said last week, will bring total expenditures in the veterans' aid program up to \$18,800,000 since 1922.

Oral examinations for prohibition agents in Northern California and Nevada, who must qualify themselves for their positions under civil service rules before February 1, 1928, will be held at San Francisco next month by civil service examiners from Washington, according to word received at the Customs House last week. Written examinations for certification on the civil service lists have already been taken by the agents.

Are California's marriages under the three-day marriage license notice law of a more permanent character, and if they are, will this permanency compensate the State for the apparent decrease in marriages under the operation of the notice law? These questions is E. Ross, statistician for the State Board of Health, would like to have answered. Ross is certain there has been a loss of 4,217 in marriage licenses issued in California during the first three months that the three-day notice law has been in effect. His figures show that during August, September and October only 11,160 licenses were issued, not including those issued in El Dorado, Glenn, Mariposa, Mono and Trinity counties during October. This total compares with 15,372 issued during the same three months of 1926.

Luther Burbank's "work-shop," the gardens on Santa Rosa avenue, Santa Rosa, where he carried on most of the early botanical experiments which made him famous, are to disappear into a real estate subdivision. This announcement was made by Mrs. Burbank, who now lives in the old home. With more than seven carloads of automobile plates at hand, the State Division of Motor Vehicles has undertaken the annual task of re-licensing over 1,800,000 machines, and will be receiving over the counters at Sacramento and branch offices on December 15.

New Hebrides



A Patriarch of New Hebrides.

(Prepared by the National Geographic Society, Washington, D. C.)

FRANCE and Great Britain have a strange partnership in the administration of the New Hebrides islands, which lie in the Pacific ocean about a thousand miles east of Australia. For a long time the islands were not formally under the control of any European country. But both British and French commercial activities were growing, especially the latter, owing to the proximity of France's territory, New Caledonia.

Neither power could obtain the agreement of the other to the annexation of the New Hebrides, so the problem was solved at least temporarily in 1878 by the joint declaration of France and Great Britain that the territory should be neutral. This agreement did not work very well, and in 1906 a protocol was entered into stating that the islands should become "a region of joint influence" by Great Britain and France, with separate administrations for the nationals of each, and a joint administration toward the natives. People of all other nationalities must choose or "opt" whether they are to be under British or French jurisdiction.

So today the islands have a queer "scrambled" government not very satisfactory to either the French or British trading companies, the plantation owners, the missionaries, or the natives. There is a British high commissioner and a French high commissioner in the islands; separate British and French police forces; and a joint court presided over by a British, a Frenchman, and a third judge selected by the king of Spain.

Both languages are official, but neither is very useful in dealing with the natives. For the New Hebrides natives are still savages. They believe in witchcraft and all sorts of signs and omens, particularly in the spirits of their departed ancestors and in gods which are thought to be incorporated in certain stones or animals. Every village has its dancing ground. The natives meet on moonlight nights and perform wild and fantastic antics to the booming of their deep drums, some of which six feet or more in height and carved from the trunks of trees, are capable of making terrible noises.

What the Natives Are Like.

For years the natives of the islands were the prey of the "Blackbirders," or labor pirates, because they are generally considered more industrious and sturdier of build than the average Kanaka. They are reputed to have cannibalistic tendencies, to be treacherous and of uncertain temper, probably due in some measure to the treatment to which they were subjected by these traders. They are Melanesian stock, below the medium in stature, and accentuate the ugliness in their broad, black faces and receding foreheads by sticking coconut fiber in their hair and adorning their ears and flat noses with rings. They pride themselves upon their weapons—spears, clubs, bows, and poisoned arrows—some of which are beautiful in design and elaborate pattern.

The women in general hold a degraded position. The wives of the more important men increase the number of the skirts they wear at one time as an indication of their rank. The "pooh-hah" wife wears as many as 40. The "better half" of a man is sometimes buried alive with her husband upon his death.

Quiros, the Portuguese navigator in 1606, was the first white man to see the rugged outline of the coast of the islands, which rise abruptly out of the deep sea in the hurricane zone of the tropics. Believing he had discovered the great southern continent which was at that time the dream of navigators, Quiros may be compared to Columbus, who thought he had found a route to India when he sighted the palm-fringed shores of the West Indies.

He called his discovery Australia del Espíritu Santo, which has been shortened by traders to Santo and is applied to the largest island of the group. Some of the other large mountains and partly volcanic islands are Ambrym, Annatan, Aurora, Apl.

Peptecost, Eromanga, Mallicollo and Tanna, the home of the "great light-house of the southern isles," Tanna volcano, which bursts forth brilliantly every three or four minutes.

Santo a Fertile Island.

Countless streams cut Santo, which is 64 miles long and 32 miles wide, into broad, fertile valleys. From its shores and those of the neighboring islands tons of copra are sent to Sydney, Australia, and to New Caledonia and shipped from there to soap makers the world over. Coffee, cocoa and vanilla, as well as tropical fruits, grow in abundance. Oranges are said to grow so large that both a man's hands and severely span one of them, and the pineapples of the islands sometimes weigh 20 pounds. So rich is the soil and luxuriant the vegetation that in many places 5,000 sheep can be kept on 2,000 acres of land.

Vila harbor or Vila, which is set between mountain peaks and gemmed with islands, is the most important commercially among the many commodious and strategic harbors which the islands afford. The scattered little village which dozes under the shelter of its palm trees has built no pier to encourage its shipping. The cargoes must be loaded by the natives in small boats. Though the progress of conquering nations has left its mark in the Catholic and Presbyterian churches, the large wireless station and certain administrative buildings, the town is essentially native in character with its thatched-roofed houses set amid the colorful hibiscus blossoms, and sometimes fortified with stone walls.

One of the oddest customs among the New Hebrides is the molding of their heads into a pointed, sugar loaf-like shape. The process must begin in infancy, and not all heads are so treated. But the possession of a pointed head is looked upon as a great asset among the natives. A woman with such a misshapen head can marry a chief, whereas her more naturally shaped sister must be content with a commoner for a husband. The pointed shape is brought about by winding strong fiber cord about the heads of babies. From time to time these cords are drawn tighter. The babies so bound seem continually restless and in pain.

What the future of the islands is to be is a problem. British residents in the South seas, including the Australians and New Zealanders, are anxious to have France's governmental interest taken over by Great Britain or by one of the southern dominions acting for her. Most of the British nationials in the islands are Australians or New Zealanders. The British planters are not permitted to bring in coolie labor from India or elsewhere; but there is no such restriction on the French, who have introduced several thousand Tonkinese coolies.

Japanese Crowding In.

Then there is the problem of Japanese immigration. They have come in large numbers, and the British see growing up a parallel situation to that in New Caledonia where there are more than 6,000 Japanese, and where they have a strong hold on the business activities of the islands, including the famous nickel mines there. The Australians fear that if the New Hebrides should pass entirely under French control, they might later fall into Japanese hands.

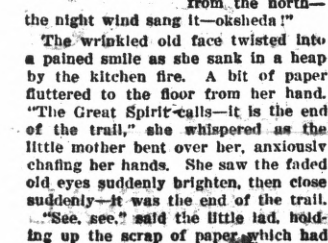
The French themselves greatly outnumber the British, and there are perhaps ten French trading ships busy in the islands to one British. In Vila, the capital, the French population outnumbers the British eight to one.

There have been a number of conferences between France and Great Britain at which an effort has been made to place the New Hebrides under a single jurisdiction. Representatives of Australia and New Zealand proposed either that Great Britain take a mandate over the islands, that the French debt to Britain be cancelled in exchange for France's interests, or that British African territory be traded to France for the New Hebrides. But France not unnaturally proposed that the British lower their flag and leave the French in possession.

"H O S E oksheđa washa daw? was the semi-Sloux greeting of the plump little Scotch Canadian mother as the sunny-haired young laddie came running into the kitchen, where already the porridge was cooked and the tea brewing for breakfast on this, his second Christmas. She caught him in her arms and tossed him high above her head.

"Whose very good boy?" was what she had said, partly in the language she had learned from her husband. His nurse had been one of those squaws of the picturesque type still to be seen in Manitoba. In summer they come, selling wild red raspberries or choke-cherries; in winter, trudging on snowshoes into the village to visit their customers.

Hugging the little lad to her breast, the rosy mother half sobbed as she tried to say it cheerfully, "Whose oksheđa washa daw?" Even as she repented the greeting, the child opened and a sudden gust of wind swept the fine, dry snow, like bliting dust, into her face. Before her stood one



Home is where a man could do as he pleased if it wasn't for his wife. Still this should not seriously interfere—indeed would not, if men did what they should do to make home all it may be. There can be no lord and master.—Grit.

"De man dut klicks 'bout his breakfast," said Uncle Eben. "will take whint he can grab at a quick lunch and act thankful."—Washington Star.

Then came the wedding, and for three years she had not known where to find the "oksheda wechasta."

The paper—ah, yes. It told where Robert was. His father had been a

1918 thirty cities co-operated. It is expected that carols will be sung this Christmas eve on the streets, in the parks, as well as in the churches, schools and public institutions of communities.

The ocean is steadily becoming more salty, but the rate of increase is very slow.

Mexico City spent almost five times as much on movies as on bull fights last year.

Many of the new ensembles consist of voile dresses topped by a duvet, or velvet coat. The dresses as a rule are trimmed with just a touch of bright color, such as empire green or royal blue, and this shade is reproduced in the lining of the coat. A very popular new shade is the reddish beige which is known as "queen hair." It is particularly effective when velvet when embroidered with gold threads and set off by pink trimmings.

It promises to be a most sumptuous and glittering season; if one can judge by the clothes now on display. Furs, wraps and gowns all share the general luxury. For evening frock that glitters is very much in evidence and velvets and chiffons are both popular. A most delightful frock seen recently was of white transparent velvet, with a short train trimmed with rows of rhinestones arranged to form scallops. The skirt was perfectly plain and unadorned.

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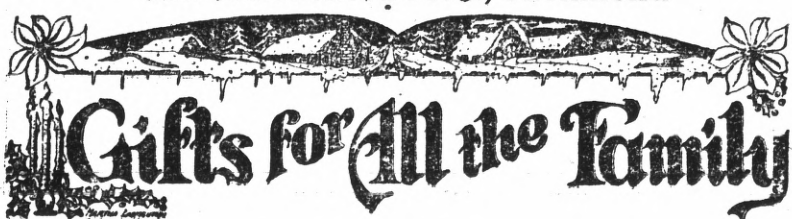
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Failed to Appreciate

"Alice in Wonderland"

All those who have been famous in imaginative work for children were children—apart from children themselves, parents—Harry Furness in his book, "Some Victorian Women." Mr. Furness, a famous Punch artist, says that "Hans Andersen cried at the table if he was not helped first, and was not given more jam on his bread than any one else."

Lewis Carroll's childishness was of a different kind; his was pure literary egotism.

"It was his habit to watch the children of well-to-do people on the sands at Eastbourne and then, without disclosing his identity, present those he admired, most with a copy of 'Alice in Wonderland.' Subsequently he formally called on the parents. Then came the moment at which the Rev. O. L. Dodgson informed the grateful parent that he was 'Lewis Carroll,' the effect being magical and Carroll's delight immense.

"However, one day, the dignified lady whose little daughter had been the recipient of a beautifully bound copy of 'Alice,' by the strange, uncanny clergyman, remarked:

"Oh, you are the writer of those rubbishy books, are you? Well, perhaps you may like to know that I threw the book you gave my daughter away—I certainly could never dream of her poisoning her mind with such as that!"

Grounds for Suspicion

"Look there!" said the washing machine agent who visited the hamlet sufficiently often to be fairly well acquainted there. "See those men and boys—yes, and women, too—pointing at Uncle Skinner and grinning after he has passed by. What is tickling them?"

"Old Skinner is a widower," responded the landlord of the tavern at Squam. "He is also as stingy as stone again, but they've found out that while he was up in the city last week he went to a beauty shop and paid a whole dollar to get manicured. And they are kinder putting two and two together and making twenty-two of it."—Kansas City Star.

Sincerity in Reading

"Read to see, as far as you can," says Sir Henry Lindley. "The difference between good work and bad, and you will come to like things which you first of all thought dull, mystic and inaccessible." That is the secret. Whatever one reads should be read with a critical eye, not merely raced through for the sake of its passing interest, but more or less studied for the qualities it possesses. Every book, however poor, contains something new and instructive. If one reads for improvement as well as interest, an appreciation of the best will come as a matter of course.

JUST HUMANS

By GENE CARR



WAW, CANTCHA SEE BY DE LOOK OF HIM DAT HE DONT KNOW DAT COP!

Facts About the Telephone

The State of Ohio has over ten times as many telephones as Brazil.

There are over two and a half million telephones in the State of New York.

The Boston Globe was the first newspaper to receive a news story over the telephone.

In proportion to population, the State of Virginia contains about four times as many telephones as France.

The state of Connecticut is making practically 20,000 more telephone calls per day during 1927 than it did a year ago.

There are five States that have over a million telephones apiece. They are New York, Illinois, Pennsylvania, California and Ohio.

During 1926 over the wires of the Bell System in the state of Vermont, there were received about two million and a half toll messages and about 55,000,000 local calls.

There is only one State in the Union with less than 20,000 telephones, but many important foreign nations, such as Greece, Bulgaria, Ecuador and Venezuela, have fewer telephones than this.

There were about twenty times as many telephone conversations in the United States during the year 1926, the latest date for which comparable figures are available, as there were in Great Britain during the same year.

"Adventure" Only for Man Physically Fit

I find that most people think of "adventure" when the word "exploration" is used. To the explorer, however, adventure is merely an unwelcome interruption of his serious work. He is looking, not for thrills, but for facts about the unknown. Often his search is a race with time against starvation. To him, an adventure is merely a bit of bad planning, brought to light by the test of trial. Or it is an unfortunate exemplification of the fact that no man can grasp all the possibilities of the future.

Serious work in exploration calls for as definite and as rigorous professional preparation as does success in any other serious work in life. The first qualification of an explorer is a sound and trained body. Exploring involves the hardest kind of physical exertion, and the capacity to endure such exertion under stress both for long periods of sustained endeavor and in the trying moments of emergency. How preposterous, then, it is for men who have lived at desks to maturity suddenly to attempt these arduous enterprises!—Roald Amundsen in World's Work.

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Last year more than twelve billion gallons of gasoline were consumed in the United States. This represents mileage in staggering figures.

Politics often makes bedfellows of an off color.

Sometimes, after a girl has fished for a man and landed him, she doesn't know how to get him off the hook.

Even hotheaded men occasionally get cold feet.

Many a man who declares his opinion has none.

A ten-page booklet, showing new styles in shoes, was recently transmitted from the Atlantic to the Pacific coast. The telephone process was utilized to transmit pictures of each page of the booklet over the transcontinental telephone wires. By this means it was possible to place before the retail shoe dealers of the Far West detailed information as to forthcoming patterns and designs in stylish footwear only a few hours after the booklet was sent in to the telephone office on the Atlantic seaboard.

Read the holiday ads in The Terminal, Richmond's oldest newspaper.

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SAWS

By Viola Brothers Shore

FOR THE GOOSE—WHEN you find mushrooms twenty cents a pound you immediately imagine they must have been left over. And generally they was.

Many a woman that you think would know better, goes around nursing envy.

The one step from the sublime to the ridiculous is apt to be in jazz time.

FOR THE GANDER—The highest wisdom has got a little foolishness mixed up in it.

A poor, smart kid slaves away all his young years makin' money that a rich old fool spends.

Some guys has got such luck that if they was to inherit an undertaking business, somebody'd discover an antidote for death.

What Does Your Child Want to Know?

Answered by BARBARA BOURJAILY



WHERE DO FLIES SPEND THE WINTER?

They find queer hiding places. And sleep the winter long. Until the spring sun awakens them. To sing their buzzing song.

Women as Pitchers—Take nothing for granted, O love-sick Romeo! She who throws a kiss today may throw a platter tomorrow.—Farm and Fireside.

THE WHY of SUPERSTITIONS

By H. IRVING KING

SPOTS IN FINGER NAILS

SOMETIMES upon examining your finger nails you will see a little white spot which, as the nail grows, moves slowly toward the finger's end. The superstitions will tell you that the little white spot means money coming to you, due to arrive when the white spot reaches the end of the nail—a very common superstition.

Sir Thomas Browne (1605-1682) mentions it as being very ancient in his day and ascribes its origin to the tendency which people have to consider any bodily symptom which they do not understand as a prophecy. The "British Apollo" in 1708 published a learned article explaining that the white spots in the nails were "effluvia particles," generally mixed with the red particles of the blood, but which had happened to get loose. Medical science was evidently badly equipped to battle with superstition in those days.

But the superstition in question dated away back into the primitive ages when man's hair and nails, living and growing parts of himself, were held to be peculiarly connected with his destiny. A white spot slowly advancing up the nail must mean something; as the spot was white the "something" was probably good. As time passed and man began to use currency the good was conjectured to be money. A regular cult grew up of divination by the finger nails under the name of onychomancy and as we know from Plautus, the educated Roman of 2000 years ago watched the spots on his nails with the same interest as the most superstitious Yankee of today.

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Rebuke That Stung

It is related that a certain man, who apparently didn't like Buddha, came up to him and called him a lot of very ugly names. Buddha listened quietly until his reviler had quite run out of epithets, and then said to him: "If you offer something to a man and he refuses it, to whom, then, does it belong?"

The man replied: "It belongs, I suppose to the one who offered it." Buddha said: "The abuse and vile names you offer me, I refuse to accept."—From The Outlook.

Knew What Would Happen

This story is told of a famous London producer. If it is not true it ought to be.

He was recently rehearsing a musical play in which, it appeared, he had little faith. At the end of the final rehearsal he addressed the orchestra as follows: "My advice to you, gentlemen, is this. When the curtain comes down on the last act duck!"

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—Waterville, Minn., Advance.

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